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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (canceled)

2. (currently amended) A method for increasing the shelf life of a cyanoacrylate adhesive by increasing the stability of the adhesive, the method comprising the following steps:

treating packaging for containment of the cyanoacrylate adhesive or precursors to the cyanoacrylate adhesive with a strong acid ~~The method according to claim 1, wherein the strong acid is hydrofluoric acid; and~~

introducing the cyanoacrylate adhesive or precursors to the cyanoacrylate adhesive to the packaging.

3-6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A method for increasing the shelf life of a cyanoacrylate adhesive by increasing the stability of the adhesive, the method comprising the following steps:

~~The method according to claim 1, further including the step of treating the cyanoacrylate adhesive with selenic acid;~~

treating packaging for containment of the cyanoacrylate adhesive or precursors to the cyanoacrylate adhesive with a strong acid; and

introducing the cyanoacrylate adhesive or precursors to the cyanoacrylate adhesive to the packaging.

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8-12. (canceled)